

SAVING SHOWN IN MANUFACTURE AT THE ARSENAL HERE

Fact That Army Supplies Are
Made 25 to 33 Per Cent Less
Taverner's Argument.

FOR INCREASING THE PLANT

Ordnance Department Has Always
Proven Worth When Given
the Chance.

(Special to The Argus.)
Washington, Sept. 10.—Congressman Clyde H. Taverner takes the attitude that since the Rock Island arsenal has reached such a high state of efficiency that it can manufacture army supplies at from 25 to 33 per cent below the prices of private manufacturers, this arsenal should be given more work to do.

Mr. Taverner gave out the following statement to the newspapers:

"The fact that the Rock Island arsenal is manufacturing field artillery equipment for from 25 to 33 per cent cheaper than private manufacturers offer it to the government, shows the efficiency of the management of that arsenal and also the efficiency of the workmen employed there.

"The fact that all of the government arsenals are manufacturing ordnance supplies from 25 to 50 per cent below the prices charged by private manufacturers reflects the greatest credit on the ordnance department of the army, and particularly Brigadier General William Crozier, chief of ordnance and head of the army war college.

WORKMEN ARE EFFICIENT.

"The fact that the government arsenals are beating the private manufacturers also signifies something else; that the workmen at these arsenals are not shirks but a highly efficient body of men and do not deserve to have inflicted upon them the Taylor system of scientific shop management or any other brutal speeding up process. However, that is another proposition entirely, and in passing I will only state that it is but fair to the arsenal workmen that any committee which may ever investigate the

DARING, EXPERT, RESOURCEFUL, IS THIS BIRDMAN, WHO WORKS FOR UNCLE SAM



Lieut. Thomas D. Milling.

New Orleans, Sept. 10.—At the solicitation of his own government, Lieutenant Thomas DeWitt Milling of the Fifteenth cavalry has been granted permission to study aviation in the French military schools, and will be the guest of the French government while he pursues his studies in that country. He will pilot the American machine in the races for the Gordon Bennett cup in Europe this month.

Milling is a native of Louisiana, 26 years old. He was graduated at West Point in 1909. He is a son of Judge R. E. Milling and grew up in Winnfield and Franklin, little towns, where the airship is still unknown. A daring aviator today, in his early youth he was so timid as to be the butt of his associates. He had a pony, but was afraid to ride it across the creek. He was reluctant to enter any athletic competition. He hung aloof when his more venturesome playmates undertook any small adventure. Then suddenly he emerged from his lethargy, and, confident of himself, became a leader. He became passionately fond of horses, and was a winner in pony and bicycle races.

Young Milling went from the military academy to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to take charge of the commissary. He was greatly disappointed when the other officers were ordered to Texas to take part in the maneuvers, leaving him behind. Then one day he received a telegram from Washington asking him to accept a transfer to the aviation service. He answered promptly that he would and the next his family heard of him as he was learning to manage a biplane at the Wright brothers' school at Dayton. After two months there he entered the Boston meet to compete with such men as Grahame White and Sopwith. He made a sensational flight

necessity of installing the Taylor system in government arsenals should consider the fact that the Rock Island arsenal workmen are producing for \$2,341 three-inch gun carriages that private manufacturers receive \$3,268 for; three-inch caissons for \$1,081 that the government pays private manufacturers \$1,708 for; and what the Rock Island arsenal workmen are producing 4.7 inch shrapnel for \$12.52 that private manufacturers receive \$25 for. These comparisons certainly do not argue for the necessity of stop-watch speeding up processes. "If congress will enlarge the plant at the Rock Island arsenal so that it can manufacture field artillery ammunition and a larger proportion of gun carriages and other ordnance materials, millions of dollars can be saved to the people.

PRaises ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.
"The point I wish to emphasize, however, is that the ordnance department of the army has attained a very high state of efficiency. General Crozier has worked for ten years to make it efficient, and deserves the greatest credit, as does also Lieutenant Colonel George W. Burr, who has cooperated with him, and all the other heads of the department as well as each individual workman, because the efficiency of the average workman is one of the principal factors in determining the efficiency of a plant as a whole.

"Wherever the ordnance department has been permitted to do any manufacturing, it has saved to the government from 25 to 50 per cent of the prices charged by private manufacturers. But the ordnance department has thus far been permitted by congress to manufacture but a small percentage of its supplies. The government must soon buy \$31,000,000 worth of field artillery ammunition and gun carriages. If congress will authorize the ordnance department to manufacture these supplies, and appropriate money for the enlargement of the Rock Island arsenal, General Crozier estimates he can easily save several millions of dollars."

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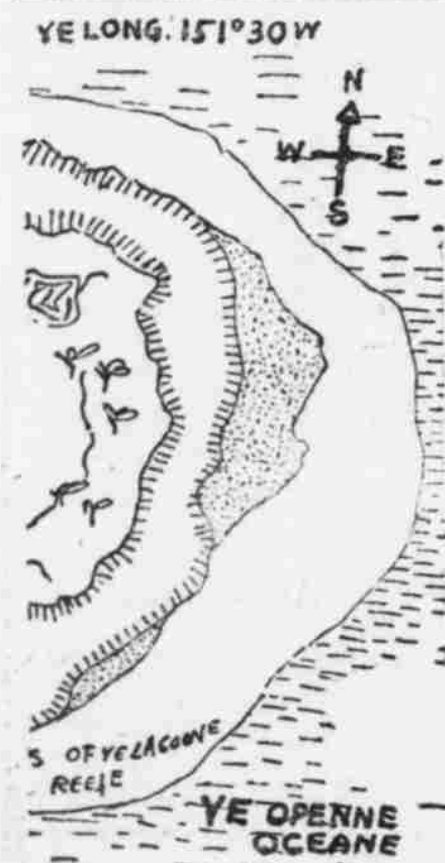
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And the Electrician confessed, "No." "You have heard, no doubt," the Old Fog rambled on, "of the marvelous inventions of Robert Houdin, the great French conjurer, a man who did great things with electricity when Alexander Graham Bell was an infant. "Houdin applied electricity to many of his magical experiments and delighted the Parisian public for years in his little theater. When he retired he was the most favored performer of his day and had bowed to the plaudits of royalty."

"Hear all about that," snapped the Electrician. "What about the black box?" "Coming to that, boy; coming to that, Houdin retired to his family estate on the left banks of the River Loire near St. Gervaise, hoping to end his days in peace. But after a year or so there came to him through a military friend a request from the French government that he go to Algiers.

them all sorts of things; allowed himself to be shot at and caught the bullet unharmed and many other such feats. "But his place of residence undoubtedly was his box. He called for a strong man to come on the stage, and a giant responded. Houdin toyed with him for a moment, bantered with him about his strength and asked him if he could lift his little black box. Disdainfully the Arab lifted it and smiled. "But Houdin warned him: 'Wait. But a moment, and you shall be as a little child.' He placed the box on the stage over the magnet and dared his huge guest to raise it. The Arab tried with one finger; grasped it with his great muscular hand; tugged at it with all the strength of his massive arms, bracing his legs like two huge bronze columns, so Houdin says, to no avail. Try as he would, this son of the desert could not stir that little box from its place.

"For a breathing spell he released his grip for a moment, then went at it again as Houdin gave a signal to have the current turned off. And while the awestricken audience panted in amazement he suddenly writhed in acutest agony and sank groveling to the stage. The current coursing through him had

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galvanized him into misery. "Then Houdin gave a signal, the current from the electro magnet beneath the stage was turned off, and the Arab fell back groaning. He lifted himself to his feet and, hiding his face in his cloak, crept away to blush unseen. The little black box had conquered." "And?" inquired the Electrician. "And?" replied the Old Fog. "Houdin was triumphant. The country had seen him shot at by a man who said he wished to kill; had seen him rob a giant of his strength. No Marabout had ever done that. No Marabout with primitive tricks could convince them that any revolt of theirs could prevail against the white man and his magic—his electricity. The conqueror's conquest was complete."—Popular Electricity.

MADE A GOOD GUESS.

He Had No Thermometer to Tell Him
the Temperature.

It often happens on sledge journeys among the arctic ice that the thermometers are broken. In that case the party finds itself without any means of determining the temperature. But Rold Amundsen, the discoverer of the south pole, says that if the explorer accustoms himself to guess the temperature it is possible to estimate the mean temperature for a month with a fair degree of accuracy. This fact he proved by means of a guessing competition during the winter that his party spent in camp on the great ice barrier.

As each man came in in the morning he gave his opinion of the temperature outside, and each guess was entered in a book. At the end of the month I went over the figures, and the man who had guessed correctly the greatest number of times won the prize—a few cigars. Besides giving practice in estimating degrees of cold, it was a very good diversion with which to begin the day. When one day I almost exactly like another the first hour of the morning is likely to be a little sour. The competition engaged every one's attention pleasantly. Each man's entrance was awaited with excitement, and one man was not permitted to make his guess in the hearing of the man who followed him. Therefore they had to speak as they came in, one by one.

"Now, Stubberud," I would say, "what's the temperature today?" Stubberud had his own way of calculating, which I never succeeded in understanding. One day, for instance, he looked about him and studied the various faces. "It isn't warm today," he said at last, with a great deal of conviction. I could immediately encourage him with the assurance that he had guessed correctly. It was —69 degrees F.

The monthly results were very interesting. So far as I can remember, the best performance in any month was eight approximately correct guesses. A man might keep remarkably close to the actual temperature for a long time and then suddenly one day make an error of 25 degrees.

The winner's mean temperature

agreed within a few tenths of a degree with the actual mean temperature of the month, and the mean of all the competitors' mean temperature gave a result that was almost exactly correct. So if we had been so unlucky as to lose all our thermometers we should not have been entirely at a loss.

What Pepsy Saw in Church.

Once Pepsy goes to Hackney church, "chiefly," he says, "to see the young ladies of the school, whereof there is great store and very pretty." And on another Sunday, "After dinner I did by water alone to Westminster to the parish church and there did entertain myself with the perspective glass up and down the church, by which I had great pleasure of seeing and gazing at a great many very fine women; and what with that and sleeping, I passed away the time till the sermon was done." And again on a Sunday afternoon to the same church, "thinking to see Betty Michell and stay an hour in the crowd, thinking by the end of a piece that I saw that it had been her."

but at last the head was turned toward me and it was her mother, which vexed me."—George Hodges in the Atlantic.

Menai Strait Bridge Echoes.

Among the most noted echoes is that heard from the suspension bridge across the Menai strait. The sound of a blow from a hammer on one of the main piers of the structure is returned in succession from each of the cross-beams that support the roadway and from the opposite pier at the distance of 576 feet, in addition to which the sound is many times repeated between the water and the roadway at the rate of twenty-eight times in five seconds.

Willemstad—General Asuncion Rodriguez.

defeated partisan of ex-President Castro, is a fugitive with four followers at Buen Ayer, a Dutch island off Venezuela. Another fugitive at Buen Ayer is Felix Montes, candidate for president of Venezuela, who once took refuge in the American legation at Caracas to escape arrest.

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